

**INQUIRY INTO STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY OR
SPECIAL NEEDS IN NEW SOUTH WALES SCHOOLS**

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To whom it may concern

Our experience with nsw schooling.

2009

Early intervention in out of area public school

2010-2011

Language class at local public school was our only option for special needs k-2. Class Limited to 2 years

2012 - my child failed to be supported in mainstream class. No individual support

2012-2013 - behavioral class was the only class with small numbers and full time aide so a placement was offered. The environment was detrimental to my child resulting in non-attendance for term 4 2013. No one from the school called or checked on my child who was home with me for the whole of term 4. A few threatening letters from dept of Ed stating legalities of absent child from school but no schooling options were provided. The one day per week he was in mainstream class, he was unable to participate in class and was "allowed" to sit at his desk and draw all day

Through desperation we applied to out of area private special needs school and was offered placement for the following year

2014-2016 private special needs schooling in an environment that was caring, nurturing and brought the best out of our child

2017 - high school

applied to support units in dept of education and no position was offered after first two placement meetings held. No other communication received. Status of application unknown. Applied to catholic system special needs school and offered placement for 2017. Accepted offer as no other option.

It really is disappointing that parents of special needs children are unable to find suitable placement in public

Schooling. There really needs to be local, specialist govt schools for our children. Our meeting experience has been terrible and exhausting.